

# ARCA's Turnkey Appliance Recycling Services

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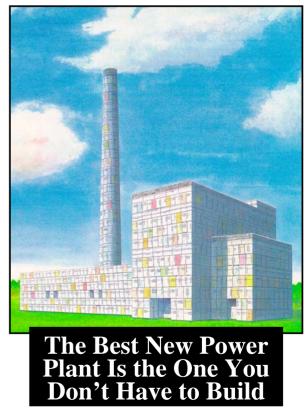
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### Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (ARCA)

supporting energy efficiency programs to conserve energy through environmentally sound appliance replacement, retirement and recycling

# ARCA's History & Experience

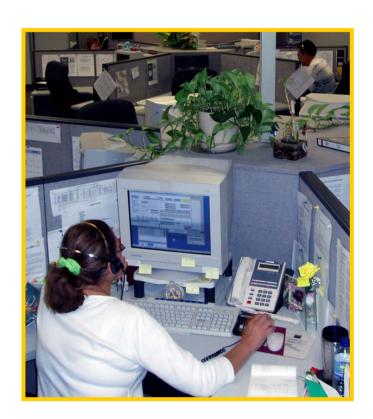
- ▶ 31 years of industry experience
- ▶ 18 years serving electric utilities
- More than 2,000,000 appliances recycled
- Regional processing and recycling facilities



## **Customer Service**

## ▶ Key Elements

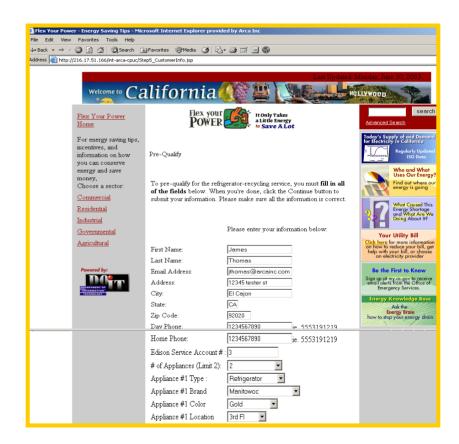
- Dedicated toll-free telephone lines
- Multi-lingual
- Screening for customer and appliance eligibility
- Options for pickup dates
- Confirmation letter and reminder phone call



# Internet Scheduling

#### Key Elements

- Interactive and easy to use
- 24-hour-a-day access to program information and scheduling
- Eligibility verification
- Ability to choose collection date and schedule appointment
- Printed confirmation letter and receipt



## **Collection Procedures**

#### Key Elements

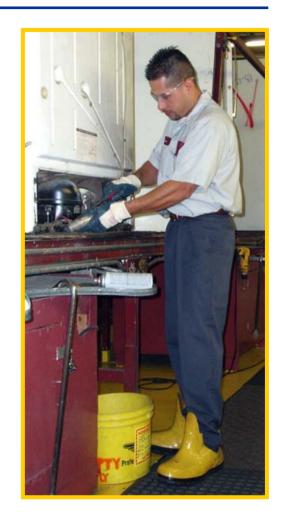
- Employee photo IDs and background checks
- Verification that appliance meets qualifications
- Permanently disable appliance by severing electrical cord and smashing cold control
- Appliance removal from customer's home
- Stringent auditing procedures



# Appliance Processing and Byproducts

### Key Elements

- Risk management and environmental compliance
  - Capacitors, ballasts, mercury switches, batteries, oil, CFC/HCFC refrigerants, plastic, glass, steel, aluminum, copper
- Recyclable materials
- Hazardous materials destroyed through high-temperature incineration at licensed facility



# Managing Polyurethane Foam Insulation

#### Options for polyurethane foam insulation with CFC-11

- Process appliance without managing foam
- ARCA/Adelmann process to capture & recycle CFC-11 from foam
  - Landfill residual material
  - Incinerate residual material
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- Recover foam & incinerate intact



## **Customer Incentives**

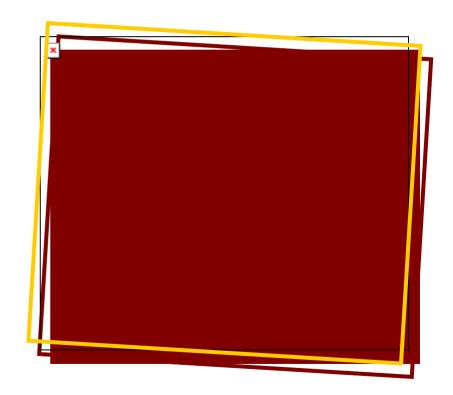
- Motivation
  - Increase participation levels
  - Encourage customers to be at home for scheduled appointments
- Determining most costeffective dollar value for incentive



# Tracking & Reporting

## ▶ Key Elements

- On-demand access to data and reports on real-time basis via secure Web page
- Standard and customized reports



## Common Factors in Successful Programs

- Sponsor support for program
- Part of larger spectrum of efficiency programs
- Easy access and convenience for customers
- Strong marketing, advertising and public relations campaign
- Experienced contractor



